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In re the Application of:

Al-zoubi, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1772

Application No: 09/858,402

Examiner: C. Simone

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For: INTEGRATED REINFORCEMENT SLEEVE SYSTEM AND METHOD

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**AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO 25 MARCH 2004 OFFICE ACTION IN  
APPLICATION NO. 09/858,402**

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In response to the 03/25/2004 Office Action in the above-identified application, please consider the following amendments and arguments supporting allowance of the claimed subject matter: